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1. LENGTHY DISCUSSION BETWEEN (DR) HORN AND ON BLANK
OFFICE PLANS AFTER BRUSSELS RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING: HEUSINGER
NOT UNHAPPY AT BRUSSELS OUTCOME BECAUSE IT FINALLY BROUGHT SHOWDOWN.
HOPES U.S. AND BRITAIN AND OTHER EDC COUNTRIES WILL NOT ALLOW
FRENCH REOPEN NEW DISCUSSIONS BASED ON CHANGES IN EDC. BELIEVES
EDC COMPLETELY DEAD ISSUE AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH.

2. SOURCE REPORTS HEUSINGER COMPLETELY AGAINST ANY SORT
REMILITARIZATION WHICH MAKES USE OF INCREASED BORDER POLICE AND
USING SAME AS CADRE FOR FUTURE MILITARY FORCES. HEUSINGER AGAINST
ANY SORT OF CAMOFLAGED REMILITARIZATION. CLAIMS PAST EXPERIENCE
IN GERMANY HAS PROVEN THAT TRYING TO RAISE A MILITARY THRU POLICE
GROUPS DANGEROUS. ALSO BELIEVES IT WILL GIVE SOVS EVEN MORE REASON
TO BE DISTRUSTFUL OF WEST. HEUSINGER BELIEVES GERMAN REMILITARIZATION
MUST BE OVERT AND HONEST.

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3. SOURCE REPORTS POSSIBILITY OF A 5-NATION EDC PRESENTLY BEING DISCUSSED IN AMT BLANK. LARGE SEGMENT BELIEVES IT FEASIBLE AND WOULD BE BEST SOLUTION BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT NECESSITATE NEW RATIFICATION PROCEDURES. (SEE PARA 2 SBONN 1964 (IN 39685)) HEUSINGER NOT TOO FAVORABLE THIS PLAN BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT WOULD POSE DIFFICULT PROBLEM STATION TROOPS IN FRENCH ZONE AND COULD EMBARRASS U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN FRANCE. CERTAIN AMT BLANK OFFICIALS BELIEVE HEUSINGERS OBJECTIONS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE SOLVED WHEN GERMANY OBTAINS SOVEREIGNTY.

4. ON THE TENTATIVE ALTERNATIVE PLAN WHICH SUGGESTS A 7-NATION MILITARY PACT TO INCLUDE BRITAIN, HEUSINGER FEELS IT A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION BUT ALSO QUESTIONS (A) BRITISH WILLINGNESS ENTER SUCH AGREEMENT IN VIEW FACT THAT THEY AGAINST SUPRA-NATIONAL FEATURES AND (B) FACT THAT HIS BELIEF FRENCH WOULD NOT ALLOW UNRESTRICTED GERMAN PARTICIPATION. HEUSINGER HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS OF MENDES FRANCE MOTIVES.

5. HEUSINGER IN CAREFULLY SELECTED WORDS, IN ORDER NOT TO MAKE IT APPEAR HE PUSHING THIS IDEA, VOICED BELIEF BEST SOLUTION UNDER PRESENT CONDITION WOULD BE SOME FORM NATIONAL ARMY UNDER NATO. HE SAID FEAR THAT A NATIONAL ARMY COULD BECOME POLITICAL AND THAT MILITARISTS BECOME MORE FAVORED THAN POLITICIANS AND GOVERNMENT IS IN HIS OPINION FALLACY. POSTWAR GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY WOULD HAVE TIGHT PARLIAMENTARY CONTROLS ON MILITARY

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ACTIVITIES AND WITH FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION PLAYING AN INCEASINGLY ROLE, THIS COULD KEEP POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS OF MILITARISTS IN CHECK.

6. HEUSINGER VOICED SAME FEELING OF UNEASINESS ABOUT RELIABILITY OF WEST GERMAN INTELLECTUAL YOUTH AS OTHER BONN POLITICANS HAVE VOICED LATELY. CITED THIS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS SUGGESTION THAT IT IS HIGH TIME TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A MILITARY PROPAGANDA SECTION (WEHRPROPAGANDA) FOR PROPERLY INDOCTRINATING THE 20-25 YEAR GROUP) HEUSINGER STATED HE WILL RELY MAINLY ON FARMERS AND WORKERS SONS FOR A RELIABLE USEABLE ENLISTED CORPS IN THE NEW GERMAN ARMY.

7. HEUSINGER WANTS MAXIMUM OPPOSITION PARTY PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNING BUILDUP OF GERMAN ARMY.

8. ALSO STATED THAT OFFICERS SELECTION BOARD FOR HIGHER RANKING OFFICERS NOW COMPLETED AND CONSISTS 50 PERCENT CIVILIANS AND 50 PERCENT FORMER MILITARY. EACH POLITICAL PARTY WAS ALLOWED PROPOSE CANDIDATES ON PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATIONAL BASIS.

9. AFTER BRUSSELS CONFERENCE HEUSINGER CALLED 200 MEMBERS HIS OFFICE TOGETHER BRIEFED THEM ON SITUATION, RESTATED TO THEM HIS DESIRE AND NECESSITY FOR CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION WITH WESTERN POWERS AND HIS BELIEF THAT SOLUTION WILL SOON BE FOUND. WARNED HIS MEN VERY SHARPLY AGAINST MAKING ANY POLITICAL STATEMENTS

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OR CRITICIZING FRENCH, AND OFFERED LET ANY MAN RESIGN WITH HONOR,
IF HE NOT AGREEMENT WITH PRESENT POLICY.

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